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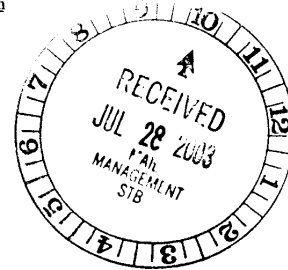
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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 397X); The
Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Abandonment in
McMillan, Pierce County, Washington**

Dear Secretary Williams:

On February 26, 2003, the Board issued a decision in the above-referenced proceeding imposing a notice of interim trail use/rail banking ("NITU") condition. The Board imposed a deadline of August 25, 2003 on the NITU. Due to ongoing negotiations with Pierce County, at this time, BNSF requests an extension of the NITU for an additional 180 days (until February 23, 2004).

Sincerely,


Sarah Whitley Bailiff

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cc: Charles Montange (for Pierce County)
Richard Batie